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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated August 15, 2006.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to specify a full color pagewidth printhead and a printing fluid storage which separately stores a set of colored inks. Basis for these amendments can be found in original claims 3 and 5 (now cancelled).

New claims 8 and 9 have been added, which find basis at page 5, lines 19-20 of the description.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

The Applicant maintains that the present invention is not obvious in view of the combined disclosures of Silverbrook and Katayama.

Silverbrook describes a pagewidth printhead formed from a plurality of abutting printhead modules. The modules are mounted on a carrier. However, as the Examiner admits, Silverbrook does not disclose a replaceable print cartridge comprising a printhead and printing fluid storage.

Katayama describes modular color inkjet printer. Specifically referring to Figure 7 of Katayama, there is shown four separate recording heads 62C, 62M, 62Y and 62BK (for recording cyan, magenta, yellow and black, respectively). Each recording head may have a discrete ink supply and be supplied by an ink supply pipe 24, as shown in Figure 8. Alternatively, as suggested at column 11, lines 46-47, each recording head may be of a cartridge type having an integral ink container.

However, Katayama fails to teach a printer cartridge comprising a full color pagewidth printhead and a printing fluid storage for separately storing a set of colored inks. From Figure 7 of Katayama, it can be seen that each of the recording head 62 may be adapted so as to be individually replaceable. However, there is no suggestion anywhere of providing a replaceable full color printhead with a printing fluid storage for storing a set of colored inks, as exemplified in Figure 3 of the present application.

In addition, none of the prior art teaches or suggests the printer as defined by new claims 8 and 9. In particular, there was no suggestion in any of the prior art documents to provide a printer cartridge which includes means for printhead maintenance, and a complementary cradle having drive means for driving the printhead maintenance means.

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For at least these reasons, it is submitted that the present invention is not obvious in view of the cited prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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